

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Figures 9a, 9b, and 9c and 9b are flow charts illustrating one embodiment of process for transmitting data in accordance with the teachings of the present invention.

- Figures 10a, 10b, and 10c, and 10d** illustrate request and completion formats used in
- one embodiment of the system of the present invention.

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Thus the flow control is embedded into the packet protocol. Illustrative packets are shown in **Figures 10a, 10b, and 10c, and 10d**. The flow control mechanism described refers to the type encoding (TP[1:0]), request command encoding (RCOM[4:0]), completion command encoding (CCOM[4:0]) and length (LEN[7:0]) fields which are found in the request packets (**Figure 10a**) and completion packets (**Figure 10b**). Preferably writes and reads are controlled separately by the tracker such that different maximum count values can be used for write requests and read requests.